I found a <u>BABY BIRD</u>. What should I do?

SECOND CHANCE

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Is the bird hurt or sick (unable to flutter wings, bleeding, wings drooping unevenly; shivering, has flies on it; attacked by cat/dog)?











It's a nestling (needs help). Can you find the nest? Is it intact?



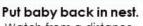


Call Second Chance Wildlife Center, find helpful information on our website (SCWC.org), or find another licensed rehabber on the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resource Website (www.dnr.maryland.gov). If unable to reach a rehabber, try calling your county Animal Services division.

It's a fledgling. Normal behavior to be hopping on the ground, parents are still feeding it. Leave the area. Baby should be OK.

Make a substitute nest.

Poke holes in bottom of berry basket/margarine tub, line with dry grass/the old nest/pine needles. Hang on original or nearby tree



Watch from a distance. Are parents visiting nest?

Put baby back in nest.

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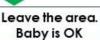




Leave the area.
Baby is OK

Call a wildlife rehabilitator







Call a wildlife rehabilitator Found a baby duck or baby goose? If mother is dead or baby is injured, call us or another wildlife rehabber.

If baby is separated from mom and you know where mom is, place baby close by and watch from a distance. If mom does not claim baby in 1 hour, call us or another wildlife rehabilitator.

I found a <u>BABY MAMMAL</u>. What should I do?

Is the baby animal hurt or sick?

(bleeding, shivering, vomiting, has flies on it; was attacked by a cat/dog) SAVE OR TAKE A
PHOTO
OF THESE CHARTS
IN CASE THEY ARE
NEEDED
IN THE FUTURE





Can you find the nest/den or den? Is it intact?





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rehabber, and the website doesn't solve your issue, try calling your county Animal Services division.

Place baby in nest/den Place baby in shallow box (with no top) close to where it was found. Keep it warm but out of the sun





Watch for mother for 4-6 hours. Stay completely out of sight. Mothers won't return if any people or pets are present.



Did the Mother Return?





Leave the area.
Baby is OK.

Call a wildlife rehabilitator.

If it is nighttime and after hours, keep the baby in box on top of a towel in a warm, dark, very quiet place. Do NOT give it food or water. Call us in the morning at 301-926-94543.

Special instructions:

Fawn: Mother deer normally leave their babies while they go off to feed. If the fawn looks cold, hungry, hurt, or its safety is threatened, call a wildlife rehabilitator.
Otherwise, leave the baby alone and leave the area.
Mother will not return if people or pets are present.

Baby Bunnies: If you find baby bunnies, that are 4-5 inches long, able to hop, with eyes open and ears up, they do not need help. Leave them alone. If the nest has been damaged it can be repaired. Look for a shallow depression lined with grass/fur. Place babies in nest with light layers of grass to hide them. Leave the area. Mothers usually return only at dawn and dusk.